



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Town Manager's Conference Room
Address: 43 Bombardier Rd., Milton, VT 05468
Contact: (802) 893-6655
Website: www.miltonvt.gov

MINUTES

Members Present: Don Turner, Jr., Town Manager/Chair; Richard Saunders, Business Member; Lindsey Ruhl, Community Member; Michael Joseph, Business Member; Lou Mossey, Community Member; June Mary Plankey, Business Member; Robert Lombard, Community Member; Richard DeSouza, Business Member; Edward Couture, Business Member; Jenna Tucker Eugair, Recreation Director;

Members Absent: Anthony Micklus, Business Member; Amy Rex, Superintendent of Schools; Cymone Haiju, Planning & Development Review Director;

Others Present: Brittany Tradup, Town Manager's Office; Jessica Groeling, Milton on the Move

1. Call to Order

D. Turner called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Attendance

D. Turner reviewed the attendees.

3. Agenda Review

No changes

4. Public Forum

None

5. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2023

Motion made by R. Lombard to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2023, with a second by M. Joseph. Motion approved.

6. Spring Social Planning: Formalize Location and Approximate Date/Time

D. Turner stated that we are reaching out to Vermont Sports Car, which has expressed interest in hosting. We would like to offer some potential dates to discuss. After discussion, it was decided

that we will request the date of the next meeting, Wednesday, April 26. If that does not work, we will request the dates of the May or June meeting.

7. Update: Grant for Downtown Core Master Plan

D. Turner provided a brief summary of the process so far. J. Groeling provided a brief update on the current status, stating that the Town and the Milton on the Move Initiative are currently in the process of selecting a consultant. An RFP is out, and interviews will begin on April 9. The plan is to kick off the preliminary stages of the design charrette and community outreach in May. There was further discussion about what to expect from the process and the potential outcome.

8. Milton on the Move Update – Jess Groeling

J. Groeling provided an overall update on Milton on the Move. She recapped the recent 1-year celebration event at the Milton Artists' Guild. She stated that the initiative is working on becoming a 501(c)(3) organization. It will allow them to apply for grants without a fiscal sponsor, which is currently the Town. They are currently planning the Inclusion Festival, which will be Saturday, May 6 in Bombardier Park. The task force for the Recreation Center will be working with the Town on a feasibility study, with funding from ARPA. They are working on a grand opening for the Dog House Crew in April. They are also working with about 8 or 9 local businesses regularly to provide support in a lot of areas.

9. Staff Updates

a. Planning/Zoning Update – Cymone Bedford

D. Turner read aloud the following update, which was provided by C. Bedford prior to the meeting since she could not attend.

- i. Norwich is doing a 500kw Solar Net-Metering Project at the Wastewater Treatment Facility
- ii. Industrial Project on Route 7 / Gonyeau Rd moving ahead and is in public infrastructure phase of providing cost estimates to the SLB for approval
- iii. Inclusion Festival is projected to have 500-1000 people this year
- iv. The Creamery Building has received \$75,000 in ARPA Funding (a loan from the Town) for a Materials Assessment and Survey for Subdivision
- v. Received DRB application for the Sweeney Farm Rd 2-lot subdivision

b. Recreation Update – Jenna Tucker Eugair

- i. Circus Smirkus is coming to Milton in July. There was a discussion about how the Town and businesses in the Town can support the event. This would be a good topic of discussion at the next EDC meeting.
- ii. Other facility rentals: Color Run on May 7th, Music in the Park on Tuesdays in the summer, July 4th, National Night Out, Farmers' Market (most likely a shorter length of time than last year; also looking for a sponsor); Park Spruce Up Day on April 15; Green Up Day on May 6th

c. Town Projects Update – Don Turner, Jr.

D. Turner provided an update on the following projects: Grange renovations, Public Works facility, subdivision of Kienle Road, the Creamery, and the Brault property

purchase. He also discussed the revolving loan fund that will be available for businesses and announced the planned special meeting of the Selectboard to discuss the Hourglass project, which will be Monday, March 27.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by M. Joseph to adjourn the meeting with a second by J. Plankey. Motion Approved.

D. Turner adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Tradup

APPROVED MINUTES:

Don Turner, Jr., Chair

Date: _____

Filed with the Milton Town Clerk's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST: _____, Milton Town Clerk